

# Motions and Amendments

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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## Addendum by the Conservative Group

### Policy and Sustainability

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### Item 7.2 – COVID 19 Impact on Care Homes in Edinburgh

Adds

1.2 Notes that despite the information provided, the detail and explanation to explain why Care Homes in Edinburgh had a disproportionately high number of deaths from COVID-19 is not provided, nor is there an explanation of why Council, NHS and larger care homes are more susceptible to an outbreak or the actions that could be taken to avoid this in such homes.

1.3 Agrees that without this understanding, the Community Health Partnership will not be in a position to prevent such tragic events from being repeated as part of its resilience planning and instructs that a further report be provided giving an explanation and suggested actions to prevent a similar situation recurring.

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability

**23 February 2021**

### Item 7.4 – Best Value Assurance Audit Response

Committee agrees to:

1.1 Note the update in response to the Best Value Assurance Audit Report recommendations and that almost all decisions are deferred until the April reporting cycle of this Committee;

1.2 Note the intention that the Planning and Performance Framework and the actions to address the Best Value Assurance Report recommendations (as set out at Appendix 1) will be integrated into the Business Plan performance reporting cycle but agrees to defer this decision until the Planning and performance Framework is considered by Committee; and

1.3 Notes with regret that no new proposals have been made to address the Committee's specific request to have "further consideration of genuine local community empowerment" and agrees that an action plan be drawn up for consideration detailing options based on successful schemes in other cities.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**

# Amendment by the Coalition

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.5 – Petition for Consideration: Introduce buffer zones around clinics that provide abortion services

Deletes 1.1 and replaces with:

Committee notes the petition as set out in Appendix 1.

Committee further notes the work and engagement already carried out on this issue locally, as set out in the report, following approval of a motion by Councillor Miller.

Committee notes with concern that a majority of women attending the clinic feel uncomfortable when being confronted with protesters when accessing medical care.

Committee notes that COSLA is aware of the issue and acknowledges that a national and collaborative partnership approach is required to make progress.

Committee agrees that the Council Leader write to COSLA's Community Wellbeing Spokesperson to seek a COSLA mandate from Councils for the Scottish Government to use any required statutory instruments to implement buffer zones at all clinics across Scotland and mandates the Leader to engage with the Scottish Government and COSLA as required to support that aim.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

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### Item 7.5 – Petition for Consideration: Introduce buffer zones around clinics that provide abortion services

Committee notes:

1. that the petition calls for new legislation which is not a matter within the competence of the Council and is for the Scottish Parliament to determine; and
2. that the Scottish Parliament has a petitions process through the Public Petitions Committee.

Committee therefore agrees to refer the petitioners to the Scottish Parliament's Public Petition process.

**Moved by:** Councillor Iain Whyte  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Susan Webber

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.5 – Petition for Consideration – Introduce Buffer Zones Around Clinics that Provide Abortion Services

Add:

1.2

Resolves that the council leader will write to the relevant Scottish ministers, including the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Well-being, in support of introducing buffer zone legislation around hospitals and clinics in any local authority that requests them.

**Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability

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### Item 7.6 – Appointments to Working Groups

Committee

Adjust the recommendations as follows:

1.1 To reject the establishment of a Short Term Lets Working Group given the Scottish Government's decision to withdraw legislation on this matter until after the Scottish Parliament elections and agree that any discussion or decisions on this matter, post engagement work by officers should be discussed in public at Committee.

1.2 To agree a revised membership of the West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group and Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group that mirrors the proportionality of both the Full Council and the included Wards, to ensure ALL local ward Councillors feel they are in a position to empower, represent and reflect the views of the residents

1.3 To agree the dissolution of the Brexit Working Group (Appendix 4).

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber**

**Seconded by: Councillor John McLellan**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

23 February 2021

### Item 7.6 – Appointments to Working Groups

Add 1.4:

Notes that the remit of the Brexit Working Group will be covered by Policy and Sustainability Committee and that reports on Brexit will still come to the committee if and when required.

**Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.7 – Update on Re-opening of Public Conveniences

Committee

Adds

- 1.1.5 Notes that any easing of Lockdown is likely to be gradual and that outdoor recreation and meetings will remain a key part of social interaction during Summer 2021 at a minimum therefore agrees that an action plan be presented to the next meeting of Policy and Sustainability listing the available public convenience premises in the City that could be reinstated along with capital and revenue costings for each one.
- 1.1.6 Notes the alternative budget position presented by the Conservatives permitted additional public convenience locations to be opened and did not rely on the use of reserves and
- 1.1.7 Notes that whilst Edinburgh remains in any degree of Covid 19 Lockdown, the Community Toilet Scheme should not be presented as an alternative to the City of Edinburgh Council providing safe public conveniences across the city

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

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### Item 7.8 – City Strategic Investment Fund Allocations

1.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the following for the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) to:

1.1.1 make a new allocation to carry out a Heat and Energy Study;

1.1.2 defer a decision on funding to take forward the development of a strategic business case for the second Edinburgh Sustainable Strategic Transport Study (ESSTS2) while an application is made to Scottish Government/Transport Scotland to fund this study given that Transport Scotland has listed this as a key project in its second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) and it is not yet clear what commuting and travel needs will be evident as the economy moves to a new normal post the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

1.1.3 adjust the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation (ECCT) and West Edinburgh allocations as set out in this report and in Appendix 1.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

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### Item 7.9 – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

### Savings and Recovery Programme 2020/21 Update

1.2 Committee agrees to receive a further report as soon as possible after the Performance and Delivery Committee meeting in April detailing the year end position and providing an update on actions being taken to deliver the Amber and Red rated programmes that have failed to deliver savings OR to providing alternatives to these.

**Moved by:** Councillor Iain Whyte

**Seconded by:** Councillor Graham Hutchison

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

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### Item 7.10 – Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators at 30 October 2020

1. Committee notes with concern that the report by the Chief internal Auditor shows and increasing number of overdue actions amongst an increasing number of outstanding actions despite the assurances given to Committee in the past that management were placing new focus on actioning audit findings.
2. Committee further notes the ongoing number of high and medium rated overdue actions in Place, resources and health and Social Care Directorates.
3. Committee agrees that it is not good enough simply to ask the Policy and Sustainability Committee to “note” this report and instructs the Chief Executive to report in one cycle with a time-bound action plan to resolve outstanding issues and a set of performance and appraisal measures for Executive Directors that ensure that audit actions are taken seriously and implemented as agreed.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**

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